



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

4112 EAST GENESEE STREET | DEWITT, NY 13214

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 6, 2022**



# LENT

## AT HOLY CROSS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

– POPE FRANCIS, PRAYER FOR PEACE

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# Readings & Reflection

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

All people experience temptation. Jesus was no exception to this. The temptation that Jesus faced allows us to realize that He was both fully human and fully divine. Temptation often leads us into sin, which in turn, becomes habit or addiction. Christ, however, did not succumb to temptation, but used it as a tool to teach us how to live better and holier lives.

Lent is a time when we are given the opportunity to look deeply at ourselves, not only at what we have done since the past Easter, but also, throughout our entire life. What do we need to change within ourselves? This question is never easy to ask because it goes to the heart of who we are and who we have become. The other obstacle to change that I personally experience, is that I assume there will always be more time to change. I convince myself that there will be another Lenten Season, another time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, another chance to apologize to those whom I have hurt or offended, and ultimately another Easter Season within which we can experience Resurrection.

This year, let us not assume God's mercy and the gift of unending time, but let us realize that God is merciful, and that we should not waste our God-given time wallowing in sinful ways. Let us shed those sins in favor of walking with Christ; our heads held high.

Peace,



Fr. John

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS LEAGUE

What is the Mass League?

Your loved one or intention will be remembered at the 7:45 AM Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. We request a \$25 donation. To learn more contact the parish office at (315) 446-0473.

# Mass Intentions

## **Sunday, March 6 – First Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM - Alice Jastrem / Marybeth Dutter & Linda McHerron  
10:30 AM - Frank Loguidice / Family  
5:00 PM - Noel Williams / Kiesa Family

## **Monday, March 7**

7:45 AM – John P. Lynn / Sister  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Tuesday, March 8**

7:45 AM – Sandy & Peter Opperman / Janice Passonno  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Wednesday, March 9**

7:45 AM – John Fennessey / David Rapp  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Thursday, March 10**

7:45 AM – Robert Sr., Phyllis & Kris Reid / Family  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion

## **Friday, March 11**

7:45 AM – Parishioners of Holy Cross  
8:15 AM – Stations of the Cross  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM – Private Prayer & Devotion  
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

## **Saturday, March 12**

9:00 AM – Bo Keating / Brenda & Diana Casinella  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM – Patrick John Vassallo / Bob & Pat Vanderhoek

## **Sunday, March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM - Alice Jastrem / Karen Markoff  
10:30 AM - Betty Jane Mascolo / Claude & Mary Anne  
5:00 PM - Robert Coughlin / Leigh Marquis

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Tony Pace / Josh Corcoran

### **First Friday Mass League Enrollment**

Maria Linh Dang / Anonymous

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andy Agrasto, Meg Barone, Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Oliver Brown, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Frank Colao, Tom Coyne, Kathleen Crouch, Mark Cywilko, Tony Dimento, Joanne & Aidan Gallagher, John Galletta, Stanley Jackimeck, Ann Kronner, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Brianna Messe, Monique Missoff, Elizabeth Mollica, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Kathryn Muller, Nancy Patane, Laura Suarez, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler, John Toole, and Teresa Vita. TO ADD TO OUR PRAYER LIST, SEE **PAGE 6**

# News & Events

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## Lenten Small Group Study

This Lent, you are invited to gain a more profound meaning on the mystery of the Passion of our Lord and Savior. Join us for three sessions, Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM, March 14, 28, and April 4 to delve into three chapters (7, 8, 9) of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI's book, *Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week*. David Hines will facilitate. If you have questions or would like to register, email [DVHines51@aol.com](mailto:DVHines51@aol.com) before March 9, or call the parish office.

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## Pastoral Council Meeting

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 | 5:30 PM**

Holy Cross Pastoral Council meetings are open to the public, and meeting minutes are available on our website once approved. To find past meeting minutes or contact our pastoral council, visit [holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc](http://holycrossdewitt.org/hcpc).

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## IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022**

"I would like to invite you to join me for the IGNITE 2022 Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 26, 2022. The theme invites us to "Live in His Presence" and this will be developed by a great slate of speakers: Matt Birk, Fr. Jim Walsh, and Bob Rice, who was recently ordained a permanent deacon. This year, we will gather at a new venue: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Baldwinsville. As we continue to balance the value of meeting in person and health concerns of the pandemic, we will also provide an opportunity for individuals to join us by streaming from home. Register today and I look forward to seeing you on March 26th!"

— Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia

Sign up at [ignitecatholicmen.org](http://ignitecatholicmen.org) and contact our parish captain Anthony Grasso at [anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com](mailto:anthonyjgrasso@yahoo.com) with any questions and to connect with men attending from our parish. Register before March 8 for the early bird rate!

**IGNITE 2022**  
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



## Girl Scout Cookie Sale

**MARCH 12-13, 2022**

The Holy Cross Cadette Girl Scouts will be selling cookies before and after each Mass on March 12 and 13. They will be donating 10% of all sales to the Holy Cross Educate-a-Child fund. People wishing to purchase cookies and then donate them may do so.

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## Youth Retreat

Pray for our high school students who are away this weekend on retreat. Not only will students enjoy opportunities for tubing, pond hockey, bonfires, and adventuring in the great outdoors in the iconic Catskills' wilderness, but also an unparalleled opportunity to encounter Jesus. Fr. Foley will be along to lead students in Adoration, celebrate Mass and offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have a middle or high school student interested in getting connected with our discipleship group and youth programs, contact Steve at [steve@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:steve@holycrossdewitt.org).

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## 2021 Tax Contribution Statements

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please contact Peg Olson by calling the parish office at (315) 446-0473 or email [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org). You will need to provide your name and address.

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## Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget! Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Set your clocks ahead one hour next weekend.

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For updates on policies and procedures at Holy Cross regarding COVID-19, please visit our website at [holycrossdewitt.org/coronavirus](http://holycrossdewitt.org/coronavirus).

### Support the 2022 School Auction

Holy Cross School is collecting gift certificates to restaurants and local businesses for their annual Dinner Auction on May 14, 2022. Gift certificates can be dropped off at the school or church office during regular business hours. Please include your name and address with your donation. Any questions please contact Samantha Herron at [donations.hcschool@gmail.com](mailto:donations.hcschool@gmail.com).

### FORMED

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#### LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.

Find this and other timely content at [watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week](https://watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week)



### Helpful Info

#### New to Holy Cross?

We are so glad you are here with us and invite you to learn more about our community and faith tradition. Welcome Packets are available at the entrances of the church, or visit [holycrossdewitt.org/welcome](https://holycrossdewitt.org/welcome) for a helpful guide to Holy Cross Church. Please introduce yourself to our priests at Mass.

### Food Donation Weekend

**MARCH 5-6, 2022**

Thank you for all the food and other household items which you have provided this weekend. We have received an overabundance of items each of the past few months and the pantries are so thankful! Thanks also to the church office staff for getting the red bags together.

Again, thanks to all of you who bring the food downstairs, unpack and repack after each of the Masses. Finally, if you notice or find a red bag at home, please return it.

### Refugee Assistance Committee

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 | 6:30 PM**

Following a short winter hiatus, the Refugee Assistance Committee will meet on Monday, March 7, 2022 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Yeazel Hall.

Please join fellow parishioners in welcoming Ms. Sam Lee, volunteer coordinator and capacity building coordinator at Catholic Charities. Ms. Lee will give a brief overview of Catholic Charities' current refugee-related initiatives and provide some suggestions on how Holy Cross and the RAC can support these important efforts.

We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Please contact Trish Lowney at [tlowney@aol.com](mailto:tlowney@aol.com) or (315) 487-8162.

### Lenten Reminders

Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15) as well as on all Fridays during Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When possible, the fast from Good Friday should continue until the Easter Vigil. This is called the "Paschal Fast." It is done to enter into the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully to celebrate his Resurrection.

# LENT



## Parish Book Study

Join us this Lent in reading Father Jacques Philippe's *Searching For and Maintaining Peace*. Parishioners can pick up a copy of the book at Holy Cross. Fr. Foley and Steve Nepil will lead us in weekly reading guides and opportunities for Adoration and reflection throughout Lent.

## Lenten Day of Reflection

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 | 10:00 AM**

If you are looking for a way to immerse yourself in a faith-filled pursuit this Lent, look no further than our Lenten day of reflection. For years, parishioners of Holy Cross Church have begun their Lenten experiences with a day where they examine a topic of spiritual importance. This year, we will be examining the "High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus from John's Gospel, Chapter 17, as a way to understand the truths of His ministry, sacrifice and resurrection. The date is Monday, March 7, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will begin the day with morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Deacon Dare at [dare@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:dare@holycrossdewitt.org).

## Evening Prayer

Join us for Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4:30 PM prior to the 5:00 PM Mass, starting on March 20, 2022.

- March 20
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10

## TENEBRAE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31 | 7:00 PM**

Through scripture readings and music we experience the events of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## The Light is On

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Monday, April 11, 4 - 7 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, April 12, 4 - 7 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, April 12, 4 - 6 PM at St. Anthony's



## Stations of the Cross

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT | 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Please join us Fridays during Lent as we travel through the stations and identify with Jesus' journey to Calvary. Stations are on Fridays at 8:15 AM (following 7:45 AM Mass) and at 7:00 PM.

## EASTER TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022

7:45 AM - Morning Prayer  
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross  
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) at St. Anthony's

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022

7:45 AM - Morning Prayer  
2:30 PM - Liturgical Service at Holy Cross  
7:00 PM - Stations at Holy Cross  
7:00 PM - Liturgical Service (bilingual) at St. Anthony's

### HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 16, 2022

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Cross  
8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass (bilingual) at St. Anthony's

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022

7:30 AM - Easter Mass at Holy Cross  
10:30 AM - Easter Mass at Holy Cross  
5:00 PM - Easter Mass at Holy Cross  
9 AM - Easter Mass at St. Anthony's (English)  
11 AM - Easter Mass at St. Anthony's (Spanish)

# Our Staff

Please know that all of us at Holy Cross are here to be of service to you. Please never hesitate to seek our support whenever it may be needed. The parish office can be reached by phone at (315) 446-0473.

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"For it is in giving that we receive."

- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## FINANCIAL REPORT

AVERAGE WEEKLY NEED: \$19,704.88  
COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 27: \$15,567.09

## DIOCESAN & NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

MARCH 2: Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
MARCH 6: Black & Native American

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